

# **FISCAL NOTE**

## **SB 1203**

January 14, 2004

**SUMMARY OF BILL:** Requires the Department of Mental Health and Developmental Disabilities(DMHDD) to accept pretrial detainees for mental evaluation within 10 days of a court order.

### **ESTIMATED FISCAL IMPACT:**

**Increase State Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000**

**Decrease Local Govt. Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000**

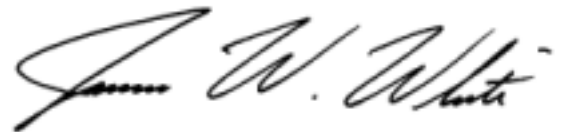
**Other Fiscal Impact - Decrease Federal Expenditures - Exceeds \$100,000**

Estimate assumes:

- Current space designated for use for forensic examinations at the regional mental health centers is at 95% of capacity according to DMHDD. Accepting more patients at the centers would displace current patients. The cost of pretrial detainees is 100% state funding while other patients are usually funded by TennCare partners.
- TennCare expenditures are approximately 65% federal funding. Displacing TennCare patients with local pre-trial detainees would reduce federal revenue and increase state expenditures. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.
- Moving pre-trial detainees to state facilities will reduce local government expenditures. The amount cannot be determined but is estimated to exceed \$100,000.

### **CERTIFICATION:**

This is to duly certify that the information contained herein is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.



James W. White, Executive Director